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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF JANUARY 2, 2008

Sir:

On January 2, 2008, the Examiner issued a Notice alleging that the reply to the restriction requirement and species election filed October 16, 2007, was not fully responsive because there allegedly was no election of a "specific" polyamide base as in. e.g., claims 21-22.

Applicants response was complete, however, because Applicants elected to prosecute the claims of group I, and elected, as a species, gelatin as a polyamide base and a side chain of